

What is claimed is:

1. A protective device for a motor vehicle comprising a flat sheet which is movably supported between a compactly rolled-up rest position and a pulled-out deployed position, which flat sheet is supported over its pull-out path in guideways in the sides of the vehicle, whereby a drive system is associated with the flat sheet on opposite sides thereof, the drive systems being synchronously driven by a synchronization means, wherein the two drive systems are connected to one another through a mechanical synchronization gearing assembly.

2. The protective device according to Claim 1, wherein the synchronization gearing assembly has an elongated transfer means coupled to the two drive systems.

3. The protective device according to Claim 2, wherein a flexible push/pull means is provided as a transfer means.

4. The protective device according to Claim 2, wherein a flexible torque transfer shaft is provided and is coupled to drive shafts of the drive systems.